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HEALTH NOTES.

Oh, yes, what about those fly screens? Are they all in good shape and ready to be put in? If not, better look them over now.

One clean-up day does not make a neighborhood clean any more than one swallow makes a summer. In other words, it is the clean-up habit more than the clean-up day that counts for permanent cleanliness.

Lots of people over-eat, but very few over-breathe. In other words, we often get more food than is good for us, but it would be difficult for any of us to get too much good air.

Time now to begin thinking about the lawn and garden. A very small patch of ground properly cultivated will produce an amazing quantity of the smaller table vegetables. Then, too, the outdoor exercise one gets in tending even a little backyard garden is as good for your health as the vegetables you get are good for your table.

The time is now when the up-to-date dealer in foodstuffs will see to it that his wares are protected from both flies and dirt of every kind. Also that his supply of eatables while displayed, so that intending purchasers may see, yet they cannot handle, pinch or paw over the goods. The point is that very few human hands are clean enough to handle goods that others may have to eat.

Speaking of swatting the fly—it should not be forgotten that the fly is some swatter himself. So if you don't swat him first, he may swat you or some member of your family. But if you want to go into the swatting business in a wholesale way, get after the manure piles in your vicinity. It does not require a very big pile of manure to breed a million flies. This is why in getting rid of stable manure you are also getting rid of flies on a very large scale.

Where there is more than one house on the lot, the alley is the street-of many of the people. Garbage on the ground or in boxes, bad or overfull, lowers the value of the property, breeds flies, makes sickness and is uncomfortable. A badly kept house or yard or fence decreases the price of neighboring property, makes neighbors lose interest in their neighborhood, lowers the general standard. A church raises the standards of all the property and all the people round about it. Manure boxes neglected, in bad order and overfull, breed flies, spread sickness and do harm generally. There is a basic principle of law that no man shall use his property as to harm his fellow man.

If all garbage pails and receptacles were kept carefully covered and all manure boxes were carefully screened so that the flies could not get at them, they would soon disappear. In other words, if we destroy all breeding places, there will be no flies. And yet there is a way in which the fly renders us a service. It is this: The presence of flies in a community means that there is near-by filth, most generally stable manure, that should be removed. So take warning from the fly and go hunting for his breeding places. Destroy and remove these and the flies will disappear.

MAYOR THOMPSON AT THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

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him. My first duty shall be to do what I can to help the unfortunate and the poor. You want prosperity and you can only get that prosperity through the republican party of the nation. Last year the east came together solid for the republican party. Pennsylvania with Penrose beat his two opponents; so did Virginia; so did Missouri. But no contest was watched with more interest than the political contest of Chicago. Then the eyes of the nation became jubilant over the signs that the future would give us a republican congress, a republican state and a republican nation, with a protective tariff. But the big men will not wait for 1916, for the already confidence established by the unity of the republican principals will start the wheels of industry with added prosperity. I say this because before the election only 200,000 shares of stock were sold upon the stock exchange of New York, which is the nervous pulse of the nation, and the very day after the election when that large majority of 148,000 became known, over 1,200,000 shares were sold. I do reiterate to what I said to you in the campaign, I shall not be ungrateful to you for your loyal support. We have got our peg of ambition driven very high, and if we don't get to it we will have accomplished something. You have indicated to the people that you were on the square, and I promise you that you will find Bill Thompson on the square with you." (Applause.)

Other addresses were made by the Hon. Edward H. Morris, Hon. S. A. T. Watkins, a prominent Colored democrat, the Hon. alderman elect Oscar DePriest and Senator Samuel Eitelsohn. The main feature of the entire proceeding was the statutory pose of big Bill the mayor and the splendid physique of Oscar DePriest, both athletic in their manly development, clasping hands in the grasp of friends made so by these historical words, "I have told you of the greatest mayor we ever had. Now, Commodore, I want you before you go to grasp the hand of the best alderman we ever had." It would have taken an artist to have portrayed vividly to you this scene. I leave it to your imagination.

PREPAREDNESS.

By Benjamin A. Browning.

No matter what we undertake to do in life, we have to first fit ourselves for the occasion. A musician has to practice. An athlete has to train, and a teacher has to learn. Although every one cannot be a professional, or does not care to be, nevertheless they have certain duties and responsibilities resting on their shoulders; each citizen owes some time and effort to his state.

Some of life's burdens are tremendous and difficult to handle, but the people who are idle dreamers and indifferent to their career and destiny and void of energy, ambition, physical and moral courage will never master the obstacles and vicissitudes that confront them. But he who is master of his own destiny and framer of his own career is one who has realized the requirements of peace and comfort and has acted according to those laws by preparing himself for the duties of life.

One of the things we have to look out for is that we do not fall victims of discouragement. Do not give up hope. Cling to the spirit of progressiveness.

One is often confronted with such statements, "Why should a Colored person try to do this and be that; go through college, then have to do porter work or not even get a good job, so one might as well not try." This is entirely the wrong attitude to take. We are told in the Bible to "Be prepared for we knoweth not the day nor the hour that the Son of Man cometh," and I say, Be prepared, for we knoweth not the day nor the hour nor to whom opportunity cometh first, for it knows no race, no creed, nor is it prejudice; it is blind and knows only human beings, so be ready to receive it when it comes. It is to be realized that the various disadvantages of the Negro are sufficient to dishearten the young people, and it is to them that I make my plea, fight hard. Those who are not fighting, enlist, because the future of the Negro depends upon the young people of today, and the only hope of victory is for the young people of this day to start, if not already, preparing to champion the cause of the Black race.

It is a glorious thing to be able to stand before the universe after one has fitted himself for life's duties through preparation and truthfully say, "My conscience is my shepherd; I shall not falter. It maketh me the recipient of happiness and comfort; it leadeth me beside lofty ideals; it sustains my health and vigor; it leadeth me through the realms of righteousness for my fellow being's sake."

"Yes, though I dwell in the valley of temptation and evil, I will keep my good name, for my conscience forbids any misstep and my manhood accompanies me."

"Surely, triumph will follow me all my life, for I have established my own integrity and I am an advocate of the doctrine of preparedness."



HON. CHARLES M. POELL.

One of the square and honorable judges of the Superior Court, who is held in the highest estimation by his fellow citizens throughout this city and Cook County.

FREED WOMAN PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Louisa McWilliams, Once a Slave, Answers Death Call.

Mrs. Louisa M. Williams, aged eighty years, born in slavery at Louisville, Kentucky, but freed formally by her master fifty-three years ago, died at her home, 914 Foster street, at 10 a. m. Sunday from infirmities incident to her advanced age.

Mrs. Williams, whose maiden name was Louisa Rudd, spent her childhood and early womanhood in the south, but after the war came north and had lived in Youngstown ever since. Mrs. Williams and her husband, the late Wesley P. Williams, were the first Colored people of the Catholic faith in Youngstown and for more than forty years Mrs. Williams was a faithful member of St. Columba's church. She was widely known throughout the city but it was in the neighborhood where she resided for so many years that her extreme kindness and true worth could be the most highly appreciated. She was always a helpful friend and neighbor and her passing is sincerely mourned by a large number of friends.

Mrs. Williams is survived by four children, Wesley P. Williams of Baltimore, Mrs. Margaret Honesty, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson of this city, and William Williams of Seattle, Washington. Robert A. Williams, formerly of the local police force, died seven years ago in Chicago.

The funeral was held at 9 a. m. Wednesday in St. Columba's church with interment in Calvary cemetery. The Daily Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio, April 20, 1915.

HYDE PARK NEWS.

By L. W. Washington.

We are sorry to hear of the very sudden physical ailment of Mr. Julius Leach of 5336 Kenwood avenue.

Two of our young men last week who were working at the Hyde Park Hotel became very ill. One of them died and the other went home and is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, of Kimbark avenue, gave a residence social which was a very pretty affair for the benefit of the Hyde Park Baptist church.

Mrs. E. H. Brown, of 5326 Ingleside avenue, has been elected president of the C. E. society of the Hyde Park A. M. E. church. She is determined to make it one of the most active religious bodies in the city. Success to her endeavors.

A moral—A lady about forty-five years of age was addressing a little girl about four or five years of age thus: "Mary, tell your mother I say for her to comb your hair." The father overheard the request and told his child to tell her "it is none of her business." Who was right, or who was wrong? This did really happen.

Miss Travis, Dr. Rodmond and Editor Abbott of the Chicago Defender, were conspicuously in line, riding in a Miss tourist car.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 12, 1915.

2:30 O'clock P. M.

(Council Chamber, City Hall)

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Ald. Harding presented the following order, which was, on motion, duly passed:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to issue a permit to Smith Bros. to erect and maintain a wooden sign in front of the premises known as 3435-3437 Indiana avenue. Said sign shall be erected and maintained in accordance with all rules and regulations of the Department of Public Works. This privilege shall be subject to termination by the Mayor at any time in his discretion.

Ald. Harding and Norris presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, duly passed:

Whereas, It is earnestly desired that the Lincoln Jubilee and Half Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom shall be a fitting Exposition of the splendid progress of the Negro race since its emancipation; and

Whereas, The selection of the city of Chicago as the place for holding this Exposition of such national and international importance, it is deemed by the City Council of Chicago to be a great honor to the city and to the state to pay this tribute to Abraham Lincoln,

Whereas, The City Council is anxious to assist and co-operate in every possible way to make the Lincoln Jubilee and the Exposition a success; therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge upon the state legislature of Illinois in expressing its earnest efforts of the Illinois Commission to make the Lincoln Jubilee and the Exposition a fitting one to its every purpose and thereby again extend to the City Council and to all others similarly interested, the promise of every assistance within the power of said City Council; be it further

Resolved, That the City Council in its regular session, do urge upon the legislature of the State of Illinois, the passage of House Bill 132, introduced by R. R. Jackson.

That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded at once to the governor, to the speaker of the house and to the chairman of the appropriation committee.

Second Ward—Alderman DePriest.

Whereas, The Lincoln Jubilee and National Half Century Anniversary Exposition of Negro Freedom will be held in the city of Chicago this year during the months of August and September, and

Whereas, This celebration is to be the actual demonstration of the extraordinary advancement achieved by the race freed by the act of emancipation—paramount object being to contribute toward larger education of the great masses of Americans and to demonstrate the possibility and promise of the future of this people, and

Whereas, This movement has received the substantial endorsement of our citizens through the management of the Commission created by act of the legislature and that its patron the

Talks on

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by

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PAINLESS CHILDBIRTH.

By Dr. W. A. Driver.

Twilight sleep is the euphonious name by which painless childbirth is called in the lay press of today. While the medical profession in America has a large number of wide-awake, progressive doctors who have been using combinations of drugs for ten years to produce painless childbirth, it remained for a German to get the credit. It is the old, old story that a prophet is not without honor except in his own country and among his own people. The great numbers of doctors using the painless method here for years were modest and consequently were astounded when the enterprising Freiburg doctor named a domestication of our well known painless childbirth—dämmer Schlaf, meaning twilight sleep.

It is not necessary to go to Germany (as many of the rich prospective mothers were doing prior to the great war now raging) to secure painless labor. Most of our physicians at home have been aware of the excellent and safe and sane method which has been used all over this country for a decade; not only have they been aware of its existence, but I believe most of them have been using the triple combination known to all who read the medical journals. And it might be reassuring to a patient public to say no doctor can escape reading the medical journals. The publishers are too enterprising to permit a doctor to be without the light of medical literature. The method of producing painless motherhood, as American doctors have practiced it for over ten years, is so simple that it requires no instrument to administer it. It does not even require a hypodermic needle; the patient holds the medicine in the mouth from whence it is absorbed by the mucous membrane. This is a boon to the poor who cannot afford the expense of hospital accommodation or the expense incident to the use of cumbersome paraphernalia.

The press has heralded the fact far and wide that this advance in medicine is one of the greatest in the whole grand array of medical achievement. Childbirth has verily been robbed of its sting and science has the victory. But it is an effort to make the public believe it. Mothers who have tried it say they will always have the doctor apply the painless method, because it is perfectly safe and eminently better than the old way of intense and indescribable suffering which has often left insanity and death in its path. Women who have had both the old and the new way of obstetrics, say they regard twilight sleep as one of the greatest blessings to womankind and that it must be the method of any obstetrician whom they employ in future. The

proof of the pudding is in the taste thereof. The women who have tried both methods should be considered the most capable judges of the method of choice.

We have some who claim that there is too much danger in twilight sleep or painless childbirth. We cannot agree with them, but we will agree that there is danger if the obstetrician tries to secure too much narcosis. And right here we must remind you that there is always danger in ordinary cases of the old method of drugless midwifery even if the accoucheur is not cautious. The chief difference between the American method and the Freiburg method is that the American method is a safer method, because it does not seek to produce absolute narcosis. The patient is able at all times to converse with the doctor and say others present and is even able to aid in the second and even third stage of delivery. The patient knows nothing about the matter until informed that she has been delivered, if the Freiburg method is used.

Safety first is the watchword in the American method. For that reason, it is the method of choice. No woman should engage an accoucheur who disregards her estimate of pain. She alone is capable of judging when and how pain she suffers. In the language of a noted contemporary, we have a thermometer to determine the amount of temperature, but we have no aesthesiometer to determine pain. We must then gauge the amount of drug necessary for each by the particular susceptibility of the woman whom we are attending. We are not all equal in the presence of pain. Each case is a law unto itself. We must not let them suffer pain but we must not overdo the narcosis for various reasons. Safety first demands the simple old method that we have used for years and remember that no woman need suffer the pangs of the excruciating pains of childbirth, because twilight sleep also called painless childbirth has revolutionized the branch of medicine called obstetrics or midwifery.

The drugs used in the process not only remove all pain and anxiety that women used to suffer, but they cause that restful condition of the whole musculature called relaxation. All the generative organs are aided in the performance of the process of parturition. No woman need fear to become a mother. We do not have the disastrous accidents now that were the terrors before we adopted painless delivery. The relaxation of the musculature of the cervix uteri prevents tears of that structure and that alone will overcome the tendency to many diseases which are the result thereof, such as ulcerations, cancer, etc.

President of the United States has accepted the invitation to be present and open the Exposition, therefore be it

Resolved, That said council set aside Monday, August 23d, as Chicago day for said Exposition and that same be declared a legal holiday.

The first resolution introduced by Alderman DePriest of the second ward passed unanimously last night.

Alderman DePriest is the first member of his race to be elected to the city council in Chicago, and graciously recognizes the debt of gratitude his race feels toward the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln.

This ordinance is to receive the first signature of the official acts of Mayor Thompson's administration, and will be signed with the pen used by Governor Dunne in signing the bill creating the Lincoln Half Century Anniversary Exposition.—Adv.

DUNN & HIGHT WIN IN APPELLATE COURT.

Much Credit Due to Attorneys Wright and Anderson.

An important decision was handed down by the Branch Appellate Court, composed of Judges Duncan, Graves and Baume, last Wednesday in the case of Dunn & Hight against The Empire Distillery Company and R. K. Block, which is of much interest to the saloon people of the city of Chicago.

About a year ago The Empire Distillery Company of New York, acting through R. K. Block, induced Dunn &

Hight to execute nearly \$1,500 judgment notes in their favor, on the representation that they would receive whisky certificates under which they could draw out from the government warehouse an amount of whisky equivalent to the amount of the judgment notes. Dunn & Hight signed the judgment notes and when they went to draw out the whisky they found there was a string attached to the transaction and only could they draw out the whisky upon payment of the government tax. In other words, the whisky certificates were valueless. The Empire Distillery Company entered up judgment on one of the notes and was about to close up Dunn & Hight when Attorneys E. H. Wright and W. G. Anderson were appealed to. These lawyers got out an injunction before Judge Windes, the case was ably argued before Judge Windes and the whisky people were beaten in Judge Windes' court. The Empire Distillery Company, with millions of dollars behind them, then took an appeal to the Appellate Court, where the matter was again ably argued by Attorneys Wright and Anderson, and now the Appellate Court hands down their decision sustaining Judge Windes.

ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.

Last Wednesday evening an important business meeting was held by the Alpha Suffrage Club. Plans were made for the benefit to be given next Thursday at The States. Out of town talent is expected.